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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI

SUBJECT : Summary of State Study on Implications of Afro-Asian Military Takeovers

This summary is a pretty good one, and like the original study, generally is in accord with the papers we did for the Draper Committee. However, there are a few points which I think you should raise.

(a) The first conclusion is too wordy and could well be slimmed down so as to maximize the impact.

(b) Conclusion K is very poor and should probably be put at the end and rewritten as follows:

"It should not be concluded that US support of military regimes which are making some developmental progress involves any substantial loss of US prestige. Indeed US opposition to these regimes would lay us open to charges of intervention and of attempting to remake the world in our own image. Nor does support of military regimes contribute significantly to a non-democratic militaristic image of the US. Insofar as any such image can be said to exist, it arises primarily from such factors as our overseas bases and troop deployments, our network of alliances and our posture in various crises, all exploited by unfriendly propaganda, and not from our support of so-called military regimes. On the positive side our image will depend basically ...(continue with rest of old K)."

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